

Elmbridge Farm FAQs



WHAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE HIRE OF THE VENUE?

Our venue hire includes everything you need to create an epic tipi wedding with none of the stress or admin. The tipis, all the furniture, our bar, lighting, sound system, tipi heaters, luxury washrooms, drinks fridge trailer, haybales, catering tent and of course our very special setting are all included. You'll have our on-the-day Wedding Co-ordinator who knows the venue closely at your disposal. The set up of all our furniture and haybales and the next-day venue clean up are taken care of by us. You'll even gain access to the Elmbridge Farm wedding planning portal to make planning your wedding with us a breeze.

WHICH SUPPLIERS COME WITH THE VENUE HIRE?

Our bar (if you wish your guests to buy drinks) and our on-the-day Wedding Co-ordinator are designated suppliers of the venue. All other suppliers such as caterers are sourced by yourselves. If you'd like inspiration, we know who to recommend.

DO YOU ALLOW FOOD TRUCKS?

Yes. Food trucks are welcome as both evening food suppliers and/or your main food supplier. All caterers must adhere to our suppliers contract.

DO YOU HAVE ACCOMMODATION ONSITE?

We have a variety of accommodation types on site to make the most of your celebration, sleeping up to 58 in total. Our contemporary barn converted lodges sleep 20 and our bell tents and safari lodges together sleep 38. There is the option to hire additional bell tents through us.

WHAT TIME DOES THE VENUE CLOSE ON A WEDDING DAY?

We close at midnight. Last orders are at 11:45pm.



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HOW DOES THE BAR WORK?

We have a fantastic fully stocked bar in the tipi for your guests to buy drinks from if/when you wish them to. Our prices are more village pub than wedding venue which guests love. Our menu features all the classics, draught beers, cocktails, spirits, softs and hot drinks. You are also welcome to bring drinks with you (corkage free) to be served to your guests for example during the reception and table drinks. Our bar staff are hired to you by the hour.

DO YOU CHARGE CORKAGE?

We're a corkage free venue. You are welcome to bring as much of your own drinks stock with you to be served to your guests at any time in the wedding day. The only limitation we have is we don't serve brought-in spirits in the late evening, guests buy these from our bar.

DO YOU ALLOW BANDS?

Yes. All musicians and instruments must play through our sound system (included with the venue hire). Music can be played in all tipi hats and also out of the terrace in the daytime, through our sound system. Live music ends at 11pm with the final hour being recorded music (e.g. DJ music) which most bands will usually provide for you as standard.

DO YOU ALLOW DOGS TO THE WEDDING VENUE?

Our couples are welcome to bring their dogs to the wedding venue. Please bear in mind they are the responsibility of the owners and there will be other animals and vehicles around the farm.

DO YOU ALLOW GUESTS TO BRING THEIR OWN TENTS/CARAVANS/CAMPERVANS?

We do not allow guests to bring their own camping structures. We have glamping for up to 30 people available to hire.

ARE THERE TOILETS ONSITE?

There are luxury brick-built toilets and shower rooms on site, stocked with all the necessities for you.

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CAN YOU RECOMMEND ANY WEDDING SUPPLIERS?

Absolutely. Over the years we've built a list of the best suppliers out there. You will gain access to our suppliers list as soon as you have booked the venue for your wedding.

DO YOU ALLOW SUPPLIERS WHO ARE NOT ON YOUR RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS LIST?

Yes. You are welcome to make the day your own and choose your own caterers and other suppliers. All suppliers just need to adhere to our supplier terms.

DO YOU OFFER MIDWEEK WEDDINGS?

Yes. Our midweek wedding dates are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the season except on Bank Holiday weekends when we also offer Fridays.

DO YOU HOLD A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

Yes. We are licensed premises for legally binding civil ceremonies both inside and outside.

WHERE CAN WE HAVE OUR CEREMONY?

We have three spots to choose from: overlooking the lake, in the woods or inside the tipis.

WHAT IF IT RAINS ON MY WEDDING DAY?

No drama! There is ample space inside our tipis for a whole wedding day inside, without shifting any furniture around. If your ceremony needs to be indoors, our team will set up your ceremony in one of the tipi hats instead of outside, on your wedding morning. A tipi ceremony, set against the backdrop of canvas, poles and twinkly lights is very special. There's plenty of space for a drinks reception and canapes without having to be in the dining areas of the tipi.

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ARE YOU THERE TO HELP ON THE WEDDING DAY?

Our on-the-day Wedding Co-ordinator and our Bar Manager will be there on your wedding day to assist your suppliers in their set-up and to oversee the venue for you. You can just enjoy your day and know it is all in hand.

HOW DO WE PLAN OUR TIPI WEDDING?

Our couples have access to the Elmbridge Farm Planning Portal, an online resource full of helpful information and instructions to help make your planning as easy and stress free as possible. From tipi layout designs to planning timelines, our Venue Manager is here to support you throughout your engagement.

DO YOU SERVE COCKTAILS ON THE BAR?

We do! You are welcome to choose your favourite cocktails to add to our bar menu or you can bring us the ingredients to make and serve complimentary cocktails to your guests.

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE?

To secure your date you'll pay 25% of the venue hire upfront. There are another three 25% instalments and these fall one year, six months and three months before your big day. Your bar staff hire and damage deposit are invoiced around three months before your big day. For any accommodation you choose, you'll pay 25% at booking and the remainder plus a damage deposit six weeks before your stay.

WHAT ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE THERE BESIDES THE VENUE HIRE?

Our pricing is transparent and as all-inclusive as possible. Additional costs will be your bar staff hire and your accommodation. These are not included as requirements vary.

DO YOU HAVE ONSITE PARKING FOR GUESTS?

The venue has ample parking for you and your guests. Cars can be left at the venue overnight and collected the following morning.